



EYFS TOPIC NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2024



Circle of Life (5 weeks)

As part of our new topic, we have invited 'Crazy Creatures' into school, who will introduce us to a variety of reptiles and insects. The children will have the opportunity to touch and hold some of the creatures; however, others will be kept securely inside their containers! Throughout the topic, the children will be learning about the lifecycles of plants, animals and themselves. The children will be fortunate enough to watch the life cycle of a butterfly and a duckling from their own classrooms, making observations and writing about the changes.

During the topic, the children will explore information books about minibeasts and write their own facts. They will also become storytellers when they learn The Hungry Caterpillar story. In our maths lessons, the children will be practising their counting skills: on and back to 20, learning about odd and even numbers, adding by combining two groups and sharing.

Home Learning Activity

For the children's home learning, we would like them to learn about a minibeast and create something to share with their friends. Please do let them use their imaginations: they could choose to write a fact book about a particular mini beast; draw or paint a picture of them or create a paper mache minibeast.

Please ensure your child's home learning is sent into school by Monday 20th May. All home learning will be displayed for the end of topic celebration and every child that completes the home learning challenge will receive a certificate.

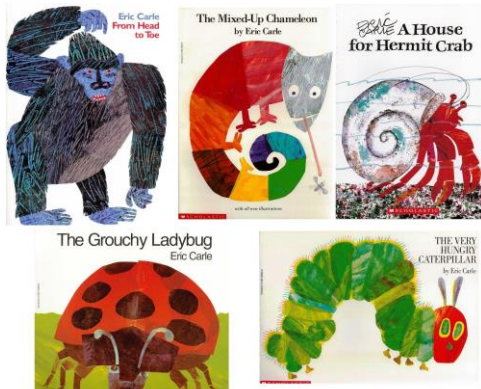
PSHE and Religion and Worldviews

This term, our PSHE work will focus on 'relationships'. The children will learn about families and how these can be different to others, e.g. larger/smaller families. They will also learn about friendships and what they consider to be a good friend as well as learning how to resolve conflicts and develop their communication skills.

In Religion and Worldviews, the children will be learning about Christianity and Islam.

Focus Author

Each half term, we learn about an author and we read a range of their books. Our focus author next half term is Eric Carle who wrote various books, including 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and 'The Bad-Tempered Ladybird.' It would be fantastic if you could share any books by this author at home or visit the local library to borrow some books written by this author.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 16th April – Ducklings' class trip to the library

Thursday 18th April – Caterpillars' class trip to the library

Friday 16th April – Froglets' class trip to the library

Thursday 25th April – FOAA Movie Night

Friday 26th April – Non-uniform day for Epilepsy Action

Monday 29th April – Farm visit

Friday 3rd May – Parent volunteer meeting for new volunteers

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Wednesday 8th May – Crazy Creatures visit

Friday 17th May – FOAA Quiz Night

Monday 20th May – Circle of Life Home Learning due in, FOAA Early Years Disco, and start of Walk to School Week

Thursday 23rd May – Circle of Life Exhibition (letter to follow)

Friday 24th May – Break up for Half Term

PE

During this half term, the children will be understanding why exercise is good for their bodies and learning to improve their agility, balance and coordination through stories and games.

PE days continue to be as follows:

Monday – Caterpillars

Tuesday – Froglets

Thursday – Ducklings

Please help us to keep your child safe by removing their earrings on PE days; otherwise, they will be unable to take part in these sessions. Please also ensure that if your child has long hair it is tied back; their PE kit is in school and that their clothes are clearly labelled with their name. Please check that each part of their kit is named, every time their PE bag is sent home, as labels can often fall/wash out.

Uniform

After the Easter holidays, we will begin our summer term so your child can wear their summer uniform. You can find details of the summer uniform and our uniform policy on the 'key parent information' section of the website. We are now hoping to see the sunshine on a more regular basis! Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle every day and a summer hat. We are unable to put sun cream on your child so please ensure that you put this on them before they come to school.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Early Years Team

Miss Bridgman, Mrs Ford and Mrs Haddrell,